

## ACTIVE HISTORY

Tom Peace

2015 promises to be a year of significant transition for Active History. In October, at Huron University College, we will hold our second stand-alone conference (the first was held in 2008 at Glendon College). In addition to providing a venue for historians to present work that resonates with Active History's broader mandate, the conference seeks to bring together the disparate community that has developed around the site over the past five years, in an effort to take stock of where we this project has been and where it is going.

Since its inception, Active History has continued to grow. In late January our blog reached 1,000 posts. Alongside, near-daily blog posts, our papers section, book reviews and *History Slam!* podcast have also continued to be popular. Over the past year, we've published peer-reviewed papers on the politics of abortion, nineteenth-century Canadian nationalism, and popular uses of the past as well as 24 podcasts on topics as diverse as covering the Berkshire Conference, senate reform and the holocaust. In 2014 we also added a series on *Canada's First World War*. The website receives between 20,000 and 25,000 unique visitors each month.

Much of this growth has happened organically. With such significant interest and growing numbers of contributors and readers, the editorial collective at Active History hopes that *New Directions in Active History: Institutions, Communication, and Technologies* will create a forum within which the project as a whole can be discussed. In doing so, the conference will blend practically-oriented workshops, paper and poster presentations that explore (or, suggest new directions in) the state of historical knowledge, its uses, and mobilization. We are particularly interested in presentations that address the ways institutions function to enhance or detract from the knowledge of history in popular culture, the nature of historical knowledge as it is mobilized and contested in the wider society, digital approaches to history, or alternative ways of recording, marking, and disseminating and understanding of the past and its processes.

Proposals for papers or posters that address these themes or other aspects of active history are welcome. Proposals should consist of a titled 250 word abstract that includes the author's institutional and/or community affiliation and contact information along with a one-page curriculum vitae or resume. We plan to publish a selection of conference papers through ActiveHistory.ca's peer-reviewed papers section in addition to featuring conference-related content on our group blog and *History Slam!* podcast.

We will also be arranging four specifically focused panels on the following topics. Please indicate in your submission if you would like to participate on one of these panels:

- Active History, Heritage and Museums
- The future of public history programs in Canada
- Community engaged history
- Active History beyond the Academy

Proposals should be submitted no later than April 15 to Kaleigh Bradley at [activehistory2015@gmail.com](mailto:activehistory2015@gmail.com). Questions or inquiries about this conference can be made at the same address.

## BUSINESS HISTORY GROUP / GROUPE D'HISTOIRE DES AFFAIRES

Andrew Ross

The Business History group continued to actively engage scholars through its Canadian Business History workshops, held at the end of the fall and spring semesters as a forum for works-in-progress by those working on topics related to the many dimensions of business history. The spring 2014 workshop was held at Rotman School of Management (University of Toronto) and featured papers by Michael Stamm (Michigan State) on "Robert McCormick, the Industrial Newspaper, and the Ironies of Planning", Dan Robinson (Western) on "Cigarettes, Marketing, and Culture in 1930s-era Canada," and David Verbeeten (Conference Board of Canada) and Claudio Eggert (Scotiabank) on "Canada's Big Banks At Home and Abroad in the New Millennium." A stimulating panel discussion on the applicability of the Chandler model to Canada followed, led by Philip Scranton (Rutgers, *Enterprise & Society*), Walter Friedman (Harvard Business School, *Business History Review*), Dimitry Anastakis (Trent, *in absentia*) and J. Andrew Ross (Guelph).

In November the workshop was hosted by David Smith at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, and saw discussion of a paper by Keith Neilson (Royal Military College) on "The Imperial Munitions Board (IMB) in the First World War," and a dissertation chapter from Mark Sholdice (University of Guelph) on "The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and Conservation Debates in the United States, 1911-1921." This was followed by a panel on Teaching Business History; Matthias Kipping (Schulich School of Business, York University), Joe Martin (Rotman), and David Smith (Wilfrid Laurier University) spoke on the changing place and potential of business history courses in both humanities and business programmes.

In the near future, the Group hopes to organize a conference on the history of capitalism in the Canadian context, which would aim to bring together scholars of business, capitalism, labour, consumption and related fields. Those interested in this and other initiatives of the Business History Group are invited to join the Canadian Business History Group / Groupe d'historiens des affaires canadiens, accessible at <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/cbh-hac>.

CANADIAN COMMITTEE ON LABOUR HISTORY /  
COMITÉ CANADIEN SUR L'HISTOIRE DU TRAVAIL

Janis Thiessen

Those interested in historical and contemporary labour issues are invited to attend the 2015 Labour History Workshop at the upcoming Congress in Ottawa. This workshop, "Labour and Capital II: Making Labour History in Ottawa," is co-sponsored by the CCLH and the Workers History Museum. The event will be held on 31 May 2015, 9 AM to 3 PM, at the PSAC HQ Building at 233 Gilmour Street (just blocks from the University of Ottawa). Registration is \$20 per person (\$10 for low income participants), and includes conference material, a catered lunch, and refreshments.

All those interested in future events and news about the Canadian Committee on Labour history are invited to become subscribers of its journal, *Labour/Le Travail* (<http://cclh.ca/labour-le-travail>), to explore the CCLH website (<http://cclh.ca/>), and to attend the upcoming CCLH Annual General Meeting at Congress 2015 in Ottawa.

CANADIAN COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION,  
ETHNICITY AND TRANSNATIONALISM

Jordan Stranger Ross

The Canadian Committee on Migration, Ethnicity and Transnationalism (CCMET) was established in 2009, at the CHA annual meeting at Carleton University. It has since grown into a thriving group of the association. With over 150 members, CCMET administers an article prize, organizes thematic workshops, and sponsors panels and events at CHA meetings.

CCMET supports outstanding scholarship in the field. The group's first annual article prize (2014) was awarded to Sean Mills, for his article, "Quebec, Haiti and the Deportation Crisis of 1974," published in the *Canadian Historical Review*. The committee commended the article for meticulous research and sophisticated analysis, which wove the host community's perceptions of Haitian immigrants and the political activism of migrants into a seamless whole. Drawing out the transnational connections between Haiti and Quebec, the article is an important contribution to our understanding of the history of migration, identity and politics in 1970s Quebec and Canada. Look for the announcement of the second annual CCMET article prize this June at the meeting of the CHA.

We are excited to announce our second thematic workshop, titled "Health, Medicine and Mobility: International Migrations in Historical Perspective," which will take place in June 2016 at the University of Prince Edward Island. A collaboration CCMET, UPEI, and McGill University's Department of History and Classical Studies and its Institute for Health and Social Policy, the workshop invites scholars to engage broadly and

deeply with the connections between migration and health. A full call for papers can be accessed on the CCMET website (<http://discoveryspace.upei.ca/ccmet/>). This initiative follows on the success of our inaugural workshop, "Documenting Migration" (2013), which brought established and emerging scholars together at the University of Winnipeg for stimulating discussions that have now yielded a special issue of *Histoire Sociale/Social History* (forthcoming 2015).

Look for CCMET at the CHA meeting in 2015. We hold an annual pub night, where scholars of migration, ethnicity, and transnationalism gather together casually for a few pints. We'll also be sponsoring panels that feature our core themes, and holding our annual business meeting, which will include the election of new officers. We welcome newcomers and returning members to all of these activities.

*Health, Medicine and Mobility: International  
Migrations in Historical Perspective*

University of Prince Edward Island, 24-26 June 2016

The histories of migration and health are inextricably linked. The conditions that precipitated the departure of migrants for foreign destinations also compromised their physical and mental health. Likewise, the process of migration itself has been linked to psychological and other health concerns. The movements of migrants and the spread of epidemic diseases have long been understood as inter-connected by migrant-receiving communities and their governments, with results ranging from campaigns to keep particular immigrants out, to the establishment of substantial medical facilities for the management and/or care of unhealthy newcomers. Patients have migrated to improve their health in the belief that a change of environment or medical treatments available elsewhere would offer possibilities not available at home. Migration has also relocated people with healthcare skills and knowledge. The services of migrant medical professionals proved invaluable to immigrant-receiving societies in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries as they constructed their own health care systems. This resulted in a so-called "brain drain" from developing countries. At the same time, professional associations in industrialized countries proved ambivalent about the arrival of foreign-trained health care practitioners, fearing competition and questioning their skills. As a consequence, many migrant physicians, nurses, dentists and medical technicians were forced to retrain, move into ancillary careers, or abandon health care altogether.

In order to more fully explore the connections of migration and health, the University of Prince Edward Island, in conjunction with McGill's Department of History and Classical Studies, its Institute for Health and Social Policy, and the Canadian Committee on Migration, Ethnicity and Transnationalism, will host a workshop entitled: *Health, Medicine and Mobility: International Migrations in Historical Perspective*. The workshop will take place at the University of Prince Edward Island on 24-26 June 2016.

The workshop aims to bring scholars working on different aspects of health, medicine and mobility into conversation to advance the theoretical and conceptual thinking in these interrelated fields. These preliminary conversations will serve as building blocks for a special journal issue or larger research project. Specific themes for inquiry include the following:

- diasporic health professionals
- medical education, professional networks
- medical exclusions
- shaping and reshaping spaces of medical intervention
- medical/health knowledge transfers across cultures/distances
- diseases across borders
- migration for medical treatment/health improvement
- medical innovations inspired by the movement of people

Please send a 300 word abstract along with a paper title and one page CV to Lisa Chilton [lichilton@upe.ca](mailto:lichilton@upe.ca) by Friday, June 26, 2015.

Conference committee:

Lisa Chilton, Associate Professor, History Department, University of Prince Edward Island

David Wright, Canada Research Chair on the History of Health Policy, Professor, Department of History and Classical Studies, McGill University

Laura Madokoro, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Classical Studies, McGill University

James Moran, Associate Professor, History Department, University of Prince Edward Island, Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, President

**COMITÉ CANADIEN SUR L'HISTOIRE MILITAIRE/  
CANADIAN COMMITTEE ON MILITARY HISTORY**

Jean Martin

Après quelques années plutôt tranquilles, le CCHM veut relancer ses activités en 2015. Les études sur des sujets militaires se sont multipliées ces dernières années et les commémorations qui entourent le centenaire de la Première Guerre mondiale et le 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la Seconde Guerre mondiale vont sans aucun doute stimuler encore davantage la recherche. Le comité invite donc tous les chercheurs intéressés, professionnels et étudiants, à participer à une rencontre lors de la prochaine réunion annuelle de la SHC à l'Université d'Ottawa, au début de juin. La date et le lieu vous seront précisés dans le programme de la réunion annuelle de la SHC. Nous procéderons à l'élection d'un exécutif et un projet de colloque spécial sera également discuté pour le printemps 2016. L'exécutif provisoire du comité est composé de Jean Martin et Yves Tremblay, de la Direction de l'histoire et du patrimoine du ministère de la Défense nationale, avec Mark Osborne Humphries, du Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies. On peut contacter [jeanma@rogers.com](mailto:jeanma@rogers.com) pour toute demande d'information. On se revoit en juin.

After a few years of near-dormancy, the CCMH will be revived in 2015. Military studies have become more popular in the recent years, and the ongoing commemorations of the two world wars will undoubtedly arouse even more research in the field. The Committee therefore appeals to all researchers, graduate students and professionals, to gather in Ottawa for the next CHA meeting, in early June. Time and venue will soon be published in the CHA meeting program. We will proceed to the election of a formal executive committee, and discuss the project of a special symposium to be held in the spring of 2016. A provisional executive committee is currently composed of three historians: Mark Osborne Humphries, from the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies in Waterloo, and Jean Martin and Yves Tremblay, both from the Directorate of history and Heritage of the Department of National Defence in Ottawa. For further information, please contact [jeanma@rogers.com](mailto:jeanma@rogers.com).

**THE CANADIAN COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S HISTORY/  
COMITÉ CANADIEN DE L'HISTOIRE DES FEMMES**

Karen Balcom

The Canadian Committee on Women's History – Comité canadien de l'histoire des femmes is one of the oldest and largest of the CHA affiliated committees. We serve people of all genders working and studying in Canada in the field of women's and gender history, and we promote feminist methodologies in historical research. We try very hard to function as a fully bilingual organization. We track and comment on public policy issues related to women's and gender history, gender roles in academe, and work/life balance. The CCWH-CCHF is the Canadian affiliate of the International Federation for Research on Women; we were a major partner in the transnational Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, held at the University of Toronto in 2014. Papers from our last national conference were published in Catherine Carstairs and Nancy Janovicek (eds.) *Feminist History in Canada*, Vancouver, UBC Press, 2013. We have very low fees for annual membership, and encourage our senior members to sponsor graduate students.

The CCWH-CCHF maintains a website (<http://www.chashcacommittees-comitesa.ca/ccwh-cchf/en/>) and an email listserv ([linkccwh@lists.uvic.ca](mailto:linkccwh@lists.uvic.ca)). We sponsor an annual scholarly article prize (The Neatby Prize, awarded each year to one article published in French and to one article published in English), and a biennial book prize (The CCWH-CCHF Book Prize, awarded next in 2016). Working with the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAOW), we offer the Barbara Roberts Award in support of work by independent scholars and community researchers (next in 2016) and the Marta Danylewycz Scholarship in support of senior PhD students in the field of Women's History (to be awarded in 2015). Each year at the CHA Conference, we sponsor research, pedagogy and career panels, we hold an annual meeting, and we host the best party at the conference. At the party, we combine a celebration of each other with a celebration of our work. Last year, we launched a new tradition of using the

party to host a collective book launch for work published in the previous year by our members. This year, we will also take time to remember and celebrate the lives of two colleagues who passed in the Spring of 2014: Myra Rutherdale and Anne Clendinning.

Want to know more about us? Our annual Newsletter is hosted on our website. The Newsletter for 2015 will appear shortly before this year's CHA conference, and will detail all of our activities at the conference. Everyone is welcome. We offer a particular invitation to graduate students to come to our events and get to know us.

**THE CANADIAN NETWORK FOR ECONOMIC HISTORY /  
LE RÉSEAU CANADIEN D'HISTOIRE ÉCONOMIQUE**

Kris Inwood

The committee held two successful workshops last year April 25 2014 at Queens University and October 24-26 at Trent University. For 2015 we have proposed sessions devoted to research in economic history at the annual meetings of the Canadian Economics Association (Ryerson May 29-May 31) and the Canadian Historical Association (Ottawa, June 1-3). In addition, we are excited to announce a special meeting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the network at Queens University October 16-18. For further information please contact the chair of the 50th anniversary organizing committee, Professor Ian Key [ikeay@econ.queensu.ca](mailto:ikeay@econ.queensu.ca).

**CANADIAN ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION /  
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE D'HISTOIRE ORALE**

Rhonda Hinthner

The Canadian Oral History Association (COHA) has existed in a number of forms and places over the past forty years. Since 2005, COHA has found its home at the University of Winnipeg's Oral History Centre, under the direction of Professors Alexander Freund and Nolan Reilly. Working with them has been Professor Janis Thiessen, who served as secretary-treasurer, and who is presently editor of the Oral History Forum.

Under their watch, came the advent of several key initiatives. They created a new website, building on existing web assets. A new COHA logo was designed and implemented. The group also digitized the *Guide to Oral History Collections in Canada* and made it into a searchable database, currently hosted by the Oral History Centre website.

COHA's journal, the *Oral History Forum*, was made into an open access journal, hosted on the Athabasca University Press (AUP) website and managed by AUP. All back issues have been digitized and can now be searched online. Over the past decade, several special issues have been published. As noted above, the journal is now edited by Janis Thiessen, and Angela Schippers is serving as Reviews Editor. In addition to books, the journal also includes reviews of conferences, exhibits, and performances. A list of

journal's editorial board members can be found at <http://www.oralhistoryforum.ca/index.php/ohf/about/editorial> Team. The Oral History Centre at the University of Winnipeg provides in-kind and direct financial support for the journal. Plans for the journal's future include applying for SSHRC funding.

COHA organizers are presently considering ideas for future activities and new initiatives, including ways to bring together academic and community practitioners and better serve as a networking and resource hub. Some possibilities include the establishment of a triennial conference, as well as building stronger ties with international oral history organizations.

COHA will be staging a business meeting as part of the CHA's Annual Meeting in Ottawa this June. Come share your perspectives on and suggestions for COHA's future direction. If you can't be present, please email your ideas to COHA's president, Professor Rhonda L. Hinthner ([hinherr@brandonu.ca](mailto:hinherr@brandonu.ca)).

**GRADUATE STUDENTS' COMMITTEE /  
COMITÉ DES ÉTUDIANTS DIPLÔMÉ(E)S**

Marc-André Gagnon

The Graduate Students' Committee (GSC) is an affiliated committee of the Canadian Historical Association and serves the interests of all history graduate students in Canada. It gathers and distributes information for students on graduate programs, scholarships, conferences, job opportunities, research resources, and the Canadian Historical Association. To this end, the Committee is particularly active on social media and has developed a website containing useful information for students. In addition to its Annual General Meeting, the GSC sponsors two graduate student attendees to the CHA-SHC AGM, who write several blog posts about their experiences at Congress. It also organizes social events for graduate students so that they can get to know each other and gain valuable networking experiences. In the coming months, the GSC will continue to develop its blog by allowing students to share their research interests there. In preparation for the 2016 congress, the committee also intends to facilitate the work of its members wishing to organize a session; thus playing its role as a liaison between students across the country. Finally, the committee is actively involved in discussions on education, employability of doctoral students, and professional training, and offers a student point of view regarding the public interventions of the CHA.

Le Comité des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s (CED) et a pour but de servir les intérêts de tous les étudiants diplômés qui étudient l'histoire au Canada. Le CÉD recueille et distribue des renseignements ayant trait aux programmes de deuxième et de troisièmes cycles, bourses, conférences, possibilités d'embauche, ressources aux chercheurs, et en ce qui concerne la Société historique du Canada. À cette fin, le comité est particulièrement actif sur les réseaux sociaux et s'est doté d'un site internet contenant des renseignements utiles pour les étudiants. En plus



de son Assemblée générale annuelle, le CÉD parraine deux étudiants afin que ceux-ci bloguent durant la conférence annuelle de la SHC; rendant ainsi compte de leur expérience du congrès. Il organise également un événement social pour les étudiants diplômés afin qu'ils puissent se connaître et réseauter. Au cours des prochains mois, le comité poursuivra le développement de son blogue en permettant aux étudiants d'y partager leurs intérêts de recherche. En vue du congrès 2016, le comité entend également faciliter le travail de ses membres voulant organiser une séance; jouant ainsi son rôle d'agent de liaison entre les étudiants du pays. En terminant, le comité participe activement aux débats de la SHC sur l'enseignement, l'employabilité des doctorants, la formation professionnelle et propose la perspective des étudiants quant aux interventions publiques de la SHC.

#### **HISTORY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH GROUP / GROUPE D'HISTOIRE DE L'ENFANCE ET DE LA JEUNESSE**

Jason Ellis

The History of Children and Youth Group (HCYG) was formed in 2004. The group's goals are to promote research and teaching in the field of history of children and youth in Canada and abroad.

The group's co-chairs are Kristine Alexander (University of Lethbridge) and Jason Ellis (University of British Columbia). The graduate student representative is Andréanne Lebrun (Université de Sherbrooke). The HCYG would like to thank outgoing co-chair Tarah Brookfield (Wilfrid Laurier University) for her gracious leadership, for the many contributions she has made to building the HCYG since assuming a co-chair position in 2010, and for her teaching and research contributions that have furthered the field of history of children and youth in Canadian post-secondary institutions.

Our group is very excited that the Society for the History of Children and Youth (SHCY), an international organization of historians and researchers, will hold its Eighth Biennial Conference at The University of British Columbia. The conference will run from June 24th to 26th, 2015. The theme is "In Relation: Children, Youth, and Belonging." The conference program will be available at <http://shcyhome.org/conference/>

Every two years the HCYG awards the Neil Sutherland Article Prize. The prize honours the pioneering work of Canadian historian Neil Sutherland in the history of children and youth by recognizing outstanding contributions to the field. At Congress 2014 in St. Catharines the HCYG awarded the Sutherland Prize to Jennifer Robin Terry, for her article "They 'Used to Tear Around the Campus Like Savages': Children's and Youth's Activities in the San Tomas Internment Camp, 1942-1945" *The Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* 5, no. 1 (Winter 2012): 87-117. The next Sutherland Prize will be awarded at Congress 2016. Articles published in English or French in scholarly journals and books between January 2014 and

December 2015 will be eligible for consideration. There are no restrictions on time periods or national/international context. Nominations (self-nominations welcome) will open in the fall of 2015. Further details will be available on the HCYG web page, <http://www.hcyg.ca/>

We would like to warmly invite anyone who is actively researching, teaching, or studying the history of children and youth in Canada or elsewhere, or who would simply like to be kept informed about current developments in the field, to attend the group's business meeting at Congress 2015 in Ottawa, or to join the group. Information about joining the HCYG may be found on the group's web page.

#### **POLITICAL HISTORY GROUP | GROUPE D'HISTOIRE POLITIQUE**

Penny Bryden

The PHG|GHP remains an active community of scholars engaged in research on politics in all its many variations. Membership continued to grow over 2014 and now includes about 100 people at every stage of their career – from undergraduates to retirees – and active as historians both inside the academy as well as in journalism, public history and government. The annual meeting held during Congress in St Catharines in 2014 saw the election of a new executive: the new group consists of Penny Bryden as President, Brad Miller as VP, Stephanie Bangarth as Treasurer, Stéphane Savard as Secretary and Marc-André Gagnon as grad student representative. Outgoing President Jarett Henderson and Treasurer Shirley Tillotson were both commended for their long service to the organization.

In addition to a number of co-sponsored panels at the CHA in 2014 – and plans for another strong group of sessions at the CHA in Ottawa in June of this year – the PHG|GHP also participated in an exciting conference in Montréal in October. "Mobilisation politiques et prises de parole citoyenne au Québec et au Canada" brought together political historians from across the country for an invigorating two-days of discussion ranging from analyses of the work of Bruce Curtis, to citizen activism and the Toronto sex industry, to fascist rhetoric in Québec in the 1930s, and everything in between. Conference organizer Stéphane Savard and his team did a magnificent job and all who attended are looking forward to the next in the series of every-third-year conferences.

Prizes were awarded for the best book in Canadian Political History, 2014, to Dimitry Anastakis for *Autonomous State: The Struggle for a Canadian Car Industry from OPEC to Free Trade* (UTP, 2013) and for best English language article prize to Sean Mills for "Quebec, Haiti, and the Deportation Crisis of 1974" *Histoire Sociale/Social History* vol. 94 no. 3 (September 2013). In 2015, the PHG|GHP will award the French language article prize, as well as a book prize for best book on political history in either English or French.

The PHG|GHP is also currently building towards commemorating Canada's Sesquicentennial in 2017 at the CHA annual meeting to be held at Ryerson University. As part of this event, we ask that if any department or organization is planning an event for 2017 as well, they should get in touch with the Dimitry Anastakis ([danastakis@trentu.ca](mailto:danastakis@trentu.ca)) so that we can coordinate dates and events, and publicize these happenings more broadly.

The PHG|GHP will be visible at Congress in Ottawa this June. Be sure to come to one of our sessions, the annual meeting, or to the book launch we will be hosting with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development. We hope to see you there!

**MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION HISTORY COMMITTEE /  
COMITÉ DE L'HISTOIRE DES MÉDIAS ET DE LA  
COMMUNICATION**

Russell Johnston

The Media and Communication History Committee welcomes scholars from all disciplines who are interested in studying Canadian media and communication history. We also welcome scholars based in Canada who study the history of media and communication in other parts of the world, as well as those interested in how history is represented in the media.

In keeping with the interdisciplinary nature of our field, our members organize events both within and outside the CHA-SHC to facilitate an exchange of information, ideas and research. Past activities have included two free-standing conferences as well as special joint sessions at Congress organized in conjunction with the Bibliographical Society of Canada and the Canadian Communication Association. In 2015, a joint session is planned with members of the Canadian Society of Church History and the Canadian Association for the Study of Book Culture.

The committee also maintains a website and listserv to link scholars. Both are open to everyone. The website maintains a list of recent works relevant to communication history, compiled by Barbara Freeman, and a valuable bibliography on Canadian media history, produced by Duncan Koerber. It also provides links to other organizations involved with media and communication history. The website can be found at: [mchc-chmc.ca/websites/mchc-chmc](http://mchc-chmc.ca/websites/mchc-chmc). To join the listserv, please contact our webmaster Gene Allen ([gene.allen@ryerson.ca](mailto:gene.allen@ryerson.ca)).

To encourage new scholarship, the committee awards an annual prize for the best paper presented by a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow on a subject related to the history of media and communication at the annual meeting of the CHA-SHC. At Congress 2014, Rafico Ruiz (McGill University) won for his expansive, theoretical linking of media and environmental history, "The Moving Image on the North Atlantic, 1930-1950." For information on the prize itself, please visit our website.

At the 2014 meetings of the CHA-SHC, the committee appointed a new executive. Mark McGowan takes the chair, while founding chair Mary Vipond remains active as Chair Emerita. Barbara Freeman was appointed treasurer, Russell Johnston becomes secretary and Anne MacLennan becomes external liaison. One important item of business was the decision to adopt Paypal as a means to collect annual membership fees from committee members to support our annual prize and digital activities. That option will be available soon. As always, cheques are also welcomed.

Anyone interested in the work of the committee is invited to visit our website or to attend our business meeting during this year's CHA-SHC meetings in Ottawa. Please check the association's program for the specific time, date and location. Of course, you may also contact the MCHC's secretary Russell Johnston ([russell.johnston@brocku.ca](mailto:russell.johnston@brocku.ca)) or liaison Anne MacLennan ([amaclenn@yorku.ca](mailto:amaclenn@yorku.ca)) with any questions or comments.

**THE PUBLIC HISTORY GROUP /  
GROUPE D'HISTOIRE PUBLIQUE**

Emily Keyes

The Public History Group aspires to bring together public historians and historical professionals to encourage collaboration and dialogue. The group achieves this through the sponsoring of networking events, panels, and through the annual Public History Prize. The 2014 Public History Prize, presented at the Canadian Historical Association annual meeting, was awarded to Ronald Rudin, Philip Lichti, and Archinodes for their online website project, *Returning the Voices to Kouchibouguac National Park*. Going into its fifth year, past recipients of the Public History Prize have created products that are innovative and engaging, including a free downloadable app, and documentary films.

The Public History Group will be holding their annual meeting at this year's 2015 Canadian Historical Association annual meeting at the University of Ottawa. The Public History Group will be facilitating other social events, including a speed networking event that will provide an opportunity for students and new professionals to meet public history practitioners working in museums, cultural organizations, and in the private sector.

While in Ottawa CHA Members are invited to attend the Public History Group's scheduled events, and to attend the annual meeting to contribute their ideas and volunteer their support in the upcoming year. The group is hoping to increase their number of members and volunteers in order to help promote public history initiatives in Canada.

All those interested in learning more about future events and news about the Public History Group are invited to be added to the mailing list by sending their email to [info@knowhistory.ca](mailto:info@knowhistory.ca)